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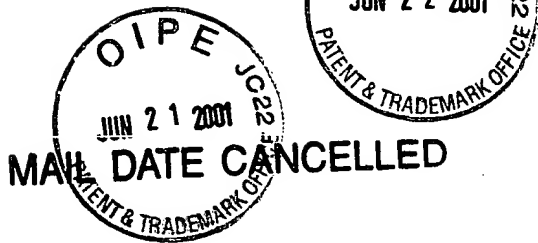
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AUTOMATIC TISSUE STAINING**  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election/restriction mailed on May 22, 2001, Applicants hereby elect Group II, with traverse. The claims corresponding to this group are claims 11-16 and 23-26.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's restriction between Groups II and III, for the following reasons.

The Examiner has found claims 11-16 and 23-26, drawn to an apparatus for staining specimen slides, to be classified in class 435, subclass 283.1. Subclass 283.1 is a main classification of "Apparatus" under class 435.